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Axis Powers



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"Hey Germany! Germany! I
was flirting with some girls and
somehow ended up in prison.
Can you come bail me out?
Also, I could use some pasta..."

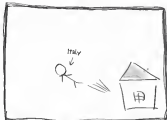




50 Reasons Why We Love Germany



(Russia in WWII)
Apparently the Russian soldiers were frequently short on weapons, clothes and food. When they were released from German prisons, they were said to be terribly depressed.
Foss: Muzzling the head honcho in their country



Unemployment

After the war Germany printed massive amounts of marks to make payments to France as quickly as possible. Obviously, this upset the value of their money to rubble. The cost of living increased 500 times in one month, and sometimes the cost of a drink would change by the time you finished it.



["Gonna pull a fast one"]

Working with expertise, France declared that Germany (and its allies) were responsible for WWI. Not only that, they demanded 132 billion marks in reparation. If payments were over late, Big Brother France, who loves to swoop in at opportune moments, would take over the Ruhr region.

Germany Obtained A Shield Of Destruction





I just wanna be friends!
Let's form an alliance!

I've spent my whole life under other people's control, but I've always wanted a friend. I have a feeling we could make a great team!



Germany!
They threw me back!

What do you want?!
Leave me alone!



And thus, the two countries formed an alliance.

But yeah... friends!
This is good!

Ha ha ha!

Of course it is!



If I'm in a bind, you can help me out... and if you're in trouble, I'll come running to the rescue!

A friend... huh? I guess I've never had one either. I'm not sure how this works.



The alliance only added to Germany's troubles.

Kindly return! You're going to end up dead trying to cook pasta in the desert!

Thanks for the water!
Now I can make pasta again!



However...

Germany!
Germany!

Something More Important Than Tanks



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Writes the famous treatise "El Fringido" in response to Italy's dismal political state in 1913. Early when his political theories were put to the test, it turned out to be another "Victory" (despite for "useless"). Military theorist Carl von Clausewitz (might have) said, "Well, he's not wrong per se. Not wrong, at all."



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60 Years Ago, I Was a Shut-in



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In September of 1940, Japan, Germany and Italy signed the Tripartite Pact in order to solidify their military alliances. The pact specified that if one party was attacked, the other countries would respond with military support. However, instead of deterring an American military response, it instead led to war being declared against all three countries. The pact was signed in Berlin, so obviously it didn't actually happen at a heated karaoke table.



Western Front



[Western Mosaic]
Italy, Germany and much of the European countries' sense of propriety regarding nudity is lax. In fact, there is so much nudity (male and female) on Italian television that it has become a problem. In America, it is common to see men and women in various states of undress basking on the beach.



[Escargot]

A variety of land snail usually found in vineyards. In France (particularly Burgundy) these are used for food. They are very rare. Their Japanese name is risogamushi. (See? Cute?)



Italy has been extra kind!
Don't you think it's adorable how Italy has been tagging along
with Germany these days?



(On the land of the Byzantines)

There was once a famous unit of German known as the Presidential Imperial in their
war. Italy donated a column from Rome to Germany to mark the place. In addition,
Germany donated a stone monument that read "Belonged to the Spirit of Youth".
Although the original was removed by American soldiers after the war, the monument
themselves as the column can still be found in Rome of Piazza Venezia.





The Freshlander Takes Control



Despite my complaints, I ended up wearing the clothes he wanted for me.



Mmm... your tortes are the best.

Of course they are, you silly little fool. I special ordered the cinnamon from Vietnam.



And although hazelnuts are out of season, I went to the trouble of ordering some from Slovenia in Turkey.

Not only that, I also purchased a fruit field in Italy so that I could have fresh fruit sent overnight to make some jam.



Mmm. Delicious.

You're a complicated guy, aren't you?

That's what it means to be Austrian.



It's like having a nagging wife. I never want to go home.

After I formed an alliance with Austria, he decided to move in with me.



Hey! Don't throw this underwear away! You can still use it!

If Franz Joseph saw this, he would throw a fit!



So what? Joseph the First wouldn't be bothered by such minor details, you fool!

But... it has a hole in it.



I don't know if I like having a guy fix my underwear.

It's for your own good.

[Insert] Turkey's only island in the Black Sea and the world's largest producer of hazelnuts. The highest grade hazelnuts are generally said to be "Sicilian quality". Interestingly, it is sister cities with Japan, which is famous for its cherries.

[Franz Joseph II] The last Emperor of Austria. A total shopaholic. Even though he was emperor, he would pick up his clothing again and again until he looked like a homeless person. I guess even royalty has it tough sometimes.



(Unwanted House Guests)
An estimated 10,000,000 Germans come to visit Italy every year. When the Italian Prime Minister made a statement about German tourists being annoying, it caused quite an uproar. They seem to be on better terms now.





[England's Spy Organization]
Although England's government has adamantly denied the existence of their spy organization, it is so well known to the public that if you ask a taxi driver to take you to "MI6," they'll know exactly where to go. Perhaps they've changed their policy of secrecy lately, since the organization has started to post employment ads publicly.

The World's Number One Pervert: Part One



[Value it in Greece]

According to a survey that was conducted by an English random company, the country that has the most sex is Greece. As an added note, Japan was dead last.



HETALIA AND HIS MERRY FRIENDS



Japan

[Official Name] Nihon-koku

[Capital] Tokyo

[Official Language] Japanese

[Birthday] February 11

[National Flower] Cherry Blossom, Chrysanthemum

Despite its small size and isolation throughout nearly half of world history, Japan has become a global powerhouse in only a few decades. Living alone in the middle of the ocean, his culture and customs are unique from the rest of the world. Although he is considered mysterious by many, he views himself as exceptionally normal.

Although Japan is serious and hard-working, he is also a bit naive and tends to be a pushover. Skilled with his hands and appreciative of fine aesthetics, he enjoys watching flowers, the moon and the change of seasons.

"I will act accordingly."

"Maybe next time."

"I will consider it."

"My answer will always be 'no!'"



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America

[Official Name:]

United States of America

[Capital:] Washington DC

[Official Language:] English

[Birthday:] July 4, 1776

[National Flower:] Rose

America is a quick-thinker with a positive attitude and a pioneering spirit. Youthful and energetic, he always wants to be number one. He absolutely loves heroes, justice, freedom and hamburgers. Unfortunately, due to his egotistical personality, England and Japan are his only friends.

As America's sense of taste was passed down from England, he isn't the least bit afraid of eating anything (even if it's gross or silly). His hobbies include sports, playing games and making movies. If a UFO crash-landed in his back yard, it is likely that his boss is friends with the alien inside.

"In other words, I'm the hero!"





That's fine,
just don't
get over-
excited
and drown
yourself.

Germany-
san, how
are these?



Cap'n!
I have
acquired
provisions!
It's a crab!



Well, at
the very
least, it looks
like we'll
be able to
survive.

Wow,
that's great,
Japan!
Those
look super
gummy!

I'm sure
we could
find more if
we tried.



It seems
this island
has
treasures
yet.



You
think?

I've
always
wanted
to take a
relaxing
tropical
vacation.



Hey
you guys!
Let's go
swimming!
The water's
so pretty!

This is
actually
a nice
change of
pace.

Shouting S.O.S. From The Center of The World







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